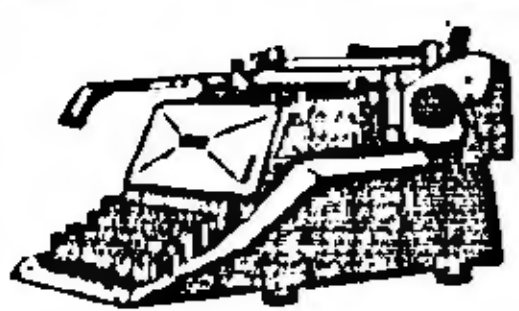


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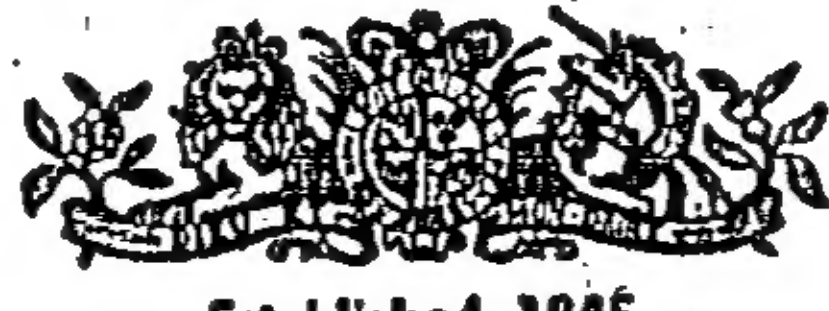
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CALM

AFTER the over-publicized scare statement by Mr. Khrushchev at the weekend that the Soviet Union had decided to suspend the planned demobilization of its armed forces this year, the calm, measured statement by the United States Defence Secretary came as a welcome relief.

Mr. McNamara disclosed that the United States was re-examining its defence programme, and his calm words contrasted favourably with the bellicose statements emanating from the Kremlin over the past few days.

Not only did we have Mr. Khrushchev shaking a thalied fist at the "imperialists" and threatening them with heaven-knows-what if they were to dare launch one of their wars of aggression against the mighty and beloved socialist fatherland but Marshal Malinovsky, Mr. McNamara's opposite number in Moscow, joined in the warlike chorus.

THE Russian armed forces, he trumpeted, must be prepared and trained for anything, the implication being that these wicked capitalists were ready to pounce on the home and centre of communism, and that all good Reds were to keep their powder dry.

All this feverish build-up of tension doubtless must have some purpose on the part of those responsible for it. Possibly it is designed to intimidate the West and is merely another move in that war of nerves which has become an accepted if unwelcome part of life in the past few years.

Possibly the Communist rulers really have warlike designs and are preparing their people for an armed outbreak by attributing to the Western Allies dark machinations of which, in fact, they are entirely innocent. It is an old game for a would-be aggressor to start accusing his victims of all sorts of dreadful plots as justification for his own aggression.

But whatever the reason behind the bellicose words from Russia we in the West must refuse to flap.

AN example in imperturbability has been set by Mr. Macmillan, President Kennedy, Mr. Rusk, the American Secretary of State, and now Mr. McNamara, and we believe it is up to the Press of the Western world to follow suit.

It is irresponsible for newspapers to exaggerate what is happening on the international scene over Berlin. Flaring headlines do not serve any cause and, when there is so little reason for some of them, it is a downright abuse of the privilege of a free press.

The facts about Berlin are clear, and the less we all shout about mobilization, striking ability and so on and so on, and maintain the better.

Mr. Khrushchev has announced his intention to sign a separate peace treaty with the East German Republic if there is no settlement of the Berlin and German questions on his terms.

THERE is little prospect of any settlement on his terms, and undoubtedly the peace treaty will be signed, but unless we all lose our heads and make panic military moves, there is no reason to expect another world war over Berlin, or over anything else, for that matter. We have two extreme positions—the Russian claim that the present German situation is growing steadily less tenable, and the Western resolve to stand by West Berlin whatever the outcome. There ought to be—and we believe there will be—a solution somewhere between these two extremes. It is up to both the East and West to refrain from inflammatory actions and statements and let the diplomats work out a solution.

Radio Kuwait's surprise broadcast BRITISH WITHDRAWAL BEGINS

Half of force to be pulled out

Kuwait, July 12.
Radio Kuwait said today that three battalions of British troops, with supporting units including the carrier Bulwark—estimated to total half the British force in Kuwait—were being withdrawn from the Persian Gulf oil sheikhdom.

REVIEW OF SINGAPORE'S NAVAL SECURITY

Singapore, July 12.
A Royal Navy spokesman said security measures of the British naval base here will be tightened.

He said that, in common with other British naval commands, a review of security organisations is being undertaken at the base.

The spokesman declined to elaborate, but it was believed the screening of civilian employees and others engaged in confidential work at the base will be tightened.

The base is Britain's biggest in the Far East, employing thousands of Singapore's civilians.—UPI.

In Hongkong, a Royal Navy spokesman said this morning: "No unusual or extra security activities are being undertaken in the Hongkong Naval base at the moment."

UNANIMOUS
London, July 12.
As twice-married Robert Burnett's lawyer defended him in court today on charges of bigamy, the judge remarked: "She was deceived."

"So was I," came a voice from the gallery.

"That, I presume, is the second wife," said the judge.

The woman, Mrs. Margaret May Burnett, was led muttering from the courtroom by a policeman.—UPI.

NEW £5 NOTES
London, July 12.
Britain is to have new £5 currency notes to enable them to be more easily identified.

The back of the new £5 note is to get a slightly "new look."

The symbol "£5" will appear in outline with the background design showing through.—China Mail Special.

LIGHTNING KILLS 8
Washington, July 12.
Eight persons were killed by lightning today in a tobacco barn on a farm two miles south of Clinton, North Carolina.—UPI.

HELP FOR A BEACHED WHALE
London, July 12.
A 16-foot mammal, believed to be a bottle-nosed whale, was found stranded on the beach of the Thames at suburban Kew here today.

The creature was spotted further up the river last night by two boys out rowing.

A spokesman for the London Zoo said the bottle-nosed whale often frequented the Atlantic off the coast of England, but this was the first time in his memory that one had been found this far up the Thames.

Sightseers helped police and the RSPCA to shift the mammal, which weighed over a ton, on to a 10-foot tarpaulin and drag it across the beach to the water.

As soon as it was in the shallows the whale gave a flick of its tail and disappeared.—China Mail Special.

Agreement on the withdrawal was reached at talks this morning between the ruler of Kuwait and Mr. James Ramsden, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for War, and Sir William Luce, British political resident in the Persian Gulf.

The broadcast caused surprise here, as it constitutes a major withdrawal of the British forces rushed here to meet the threat of annexation by Iraq, and comes before Baghdad's celebrations of the Iraq revolution anniversary on Friday.

Threat
The units said to be scheduled for withdrawal are Nos. 42 and 45 Commando Battalions, the Second Parachute Regiment, a Squadron of Dragon Guards, and a battery of the Royal Horse Artillery, as well as the Bulwark, which was still in harbour tonight.

The announcement, expected to be followed later by a statement that the withdrawal would not affect Kuwait's ability to resist an Iraqi threat, came as the Arab League council met in Cairo for renewed consideration of Kuwait's application for membership.

No decision
Cairo, July 11.
The Arab League Council, after a four-hour meeting on Wednesday night, reached no decision on Kuwait's admission to the League.

Emerging from the session, the League Secretary-General told reporters that the matter was still under discussion.—AP.

Official Kuwait circles are understood to be agreeable to a United Nations force replacing the British troops if its only aim is to preserve the country's newly-won independence.

Support
In the House of Commons today, Mr. John Profumo, Secretary for War, listed British forces in Kuwait as two Royal Marine Commandos and three battalions of infantry with tanks, armoured cars and guns in support, and detachments from all administrative services.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said in London tonight that only two companies of the Coldstream Guards and a squadron of Hunter aircraft had been withdrawn from Kuwait.

But, as the Minister of Defence had announced, it was the government's policy to withdraw further forces as soon as the situation allowed. Details of the forces to be withdrawn would be announced as they left the area.—Reuter.

TYPHOON
'ELSIE'
460 MILES
OFF HK

Severe tropical storm Elsie has intensified into a typhoon centred some 460 miles to the east of Hongkong, a Royal Observatory spokesman said at 10 am today.

The typhoon was moving in a north-westerly direction at about three knots.

The spokesman added that the eye of the typhoon is 70 miles in diameter, according to a report based on a recent air reconnaissance.

An aircraft of the USAF entered the eye of the typhoon at 7.45 am today and reported maximum surface winds of 100 knots.

Situation permits transfer of troops

FRANCE TO CUT DOWN ARMY IN ALGERIA

Paris, July 12.
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SPEECH CUT OFF

Algiers, July 12.
President de Gaulle's television broadcast was cut off halfway through in Algiers tonight.

Police said a plastic explosive charge had damaged the relay transmitter at Cap Matifou across the Bay of Algiers. Television broadcasts were later resumed and President de Gaulle's speech was repeated.

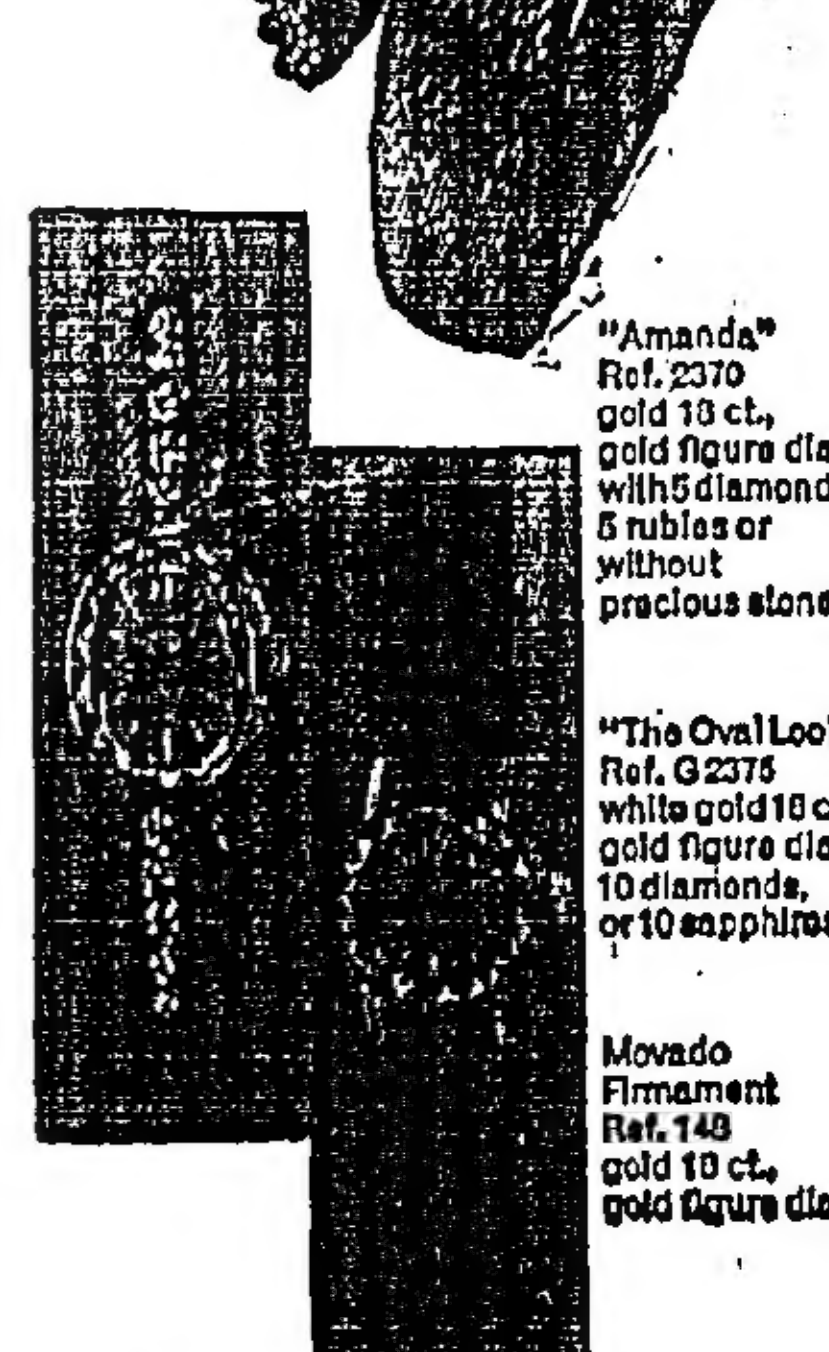
The sound radio transmission of the speech went on normally. One of the nightly plastic charge explosions—attributed to European extremists—boomed out in central Algiers shortly before President de Gaulle mentioned Algeria.—Reuter.

WEIRD COMPANION
London, July 12.
A prisoner in Parkhurst prison on the Isle of Wight has ordered an insect-eating plant, the Venus fly-trapper to keep him company in a London garden plant firm reported today.—UPI.

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CHOU ACCUSES U.S. OF BLOCKING PROGRESS IN LAOS CONFERENCE

U.S. REPORT ON HK REFUGEES

Washington, July 12.

The United States Committee for Refugees today reported that there are now about 15,181,000 refugees in the world. Of these more than 1.1 million are from Mainland China living in overcrowded Hongkong.

FLOOD WATERS TEAR THROUGH TOWN STREETS

Seoul, July 13.

The South Korean Red Cross said at least 114 persons died when flood waters burst one dam on Wednesday and threatened to smash through a second 150 miles south of Seoul.

The Red Cross said 13 persons were missing and the death toll might go higher in the vicinity of Namwon, one of three towns flooded when the earth- and concrete Jebak Myun Irrigation dam broke under pressure of days of torrential rain.

SANDBAGS

Around 1,000 residents early on Thursday were reported feverishly piling sandbags against a second beleaguered dam, the Yo Chuan, even closer to the populated area.

About 425 houses were smashed or washed away when tons of muddy water tore through the Jebak Myun dam, the Red Cross said.

The Red Cross said it was rushing food and clothing to the remote stricken area, with a population of 38,000. Sketchy reports indicated severe hardship.

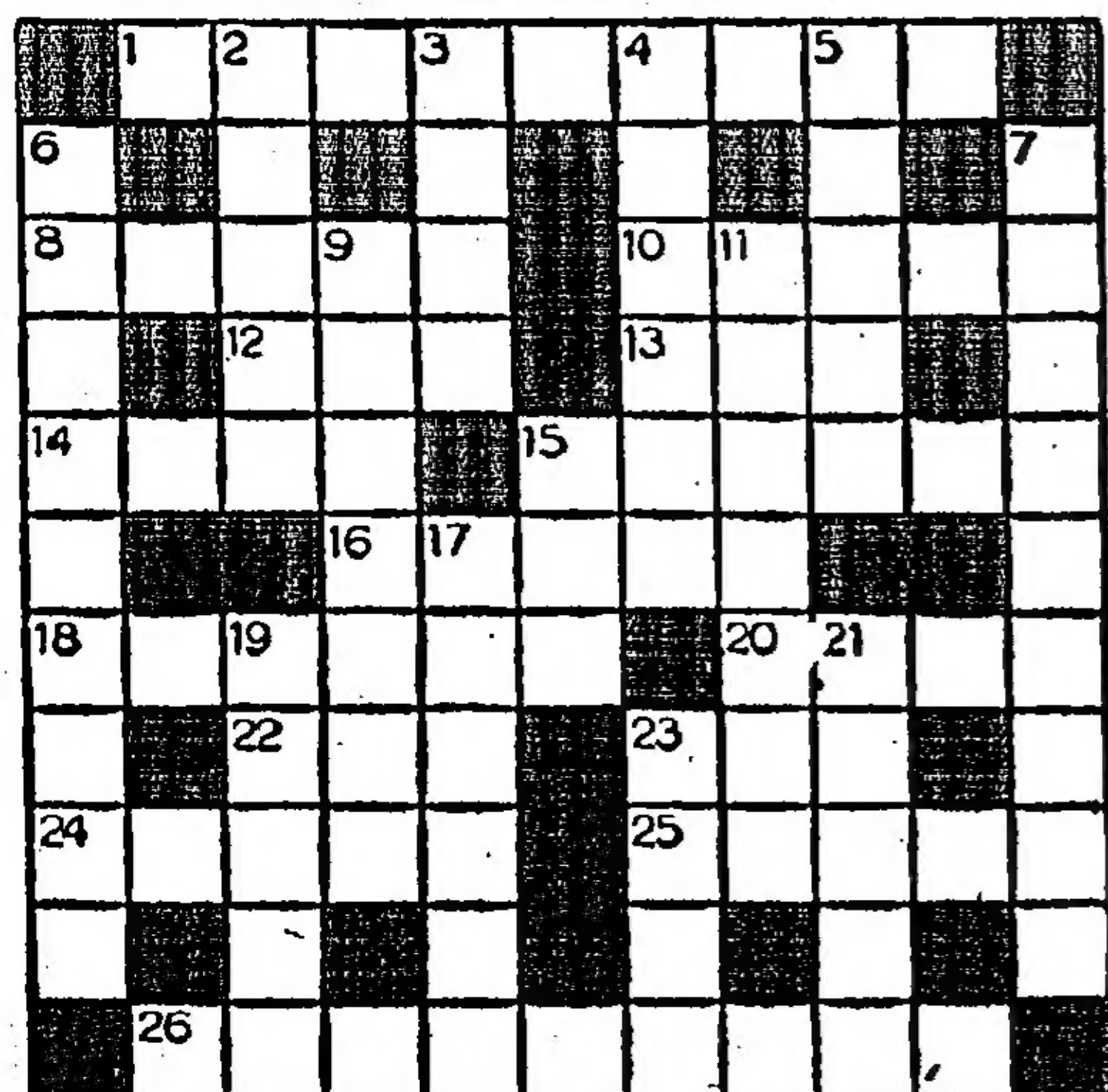
U.S. Army headquarters and Korean police in Seoul said they had no information on the disaster. Sources at the water scene reported near-total confusion and terror.—AP.

Manila, July 12.

Seven people were killed and 18 seriously hurt when a bus plunged into a ravine in La Union Province, Northern Luzon, last night, the Philippine News Service reported.

The agency said villagers who arrived at the scene before the police jostled the bus of cash and valuables.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- They cover new ground.
 - Type.
 - Receiver.
 - SHILL.
 - Maiden name.
 - Roll.
 - Caned a taxi?
 - Sporting choice.
 - Given up.
 - Wicked.
 - Seen in anger.
 - Silver.
 - Residence.
 - Language peculiarity.
 - Without pause.
- DOWN**
- They see through you!
 - In case.
 - Revoke.
 - Fit for a queen.
 - Scamp.
 - Clock parts.
 - Paid up.
 - Flavouring.
 - He's got it.
 - Snakes and Ladders almost.
 - Bo corrosive.
 - Covers.
 - Mug!
- YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Cuts, 4 Task, 6 Mesh, 8 Opus, 11 Anew, 13 Despair, 14 Has, 16 Tames, 18 Tusks, 21 Kinks, 23 Stew, 24 Bee, 25 Descend, 28 Peps, 30 Ergo, 31 Bets, 32 Lamb, 33 Anon, Down: 1 Clod, 2 Thus, 3 Beast, 4 The, 5 Kiss, 7 Sneak, 9 Feruse, 10 Spike, 12 Whom, 14 Asking, 17 Mince, 19 Step, 20 Sedge, 23 Regis, 24 Bowl, 26 Erin, 27 Down, 28 Edo.

Speaks at Peking banquet for North Korean visitors

London, July 12.

Mr Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, said in Peking today that the United States "must abandon its delaying tactics" at the Geneva Conference on Laos if it does not wish to "suffer a more disastrous defeat in Laos."

According to the New China News Agency, Mr Chou charged the U.S. with "blocking any progress in the conference" and "plotting to sabotage the formation of a coalition government in Laos."

EVER STRONGER

He said that the pro-Communist forces in Laos "will grow ever stronger through fighting, and can in no way be destroyed."



Chou En-lai

AYUB KHAN PLEDGES PAKISTAN'S SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES

Washington, July 12.

President Ayub Khan of Pakistan told the United States Congress today that in the event of real trouble the only people in Asia "who will stand by you are the people of Pakistan—provided you are also prepared to stand by them."

£50,000 DAMAGES FOR YOUNG GIRL

London, July 12.

A high court jury yesterday awarded £50,000 damages to a 14-year-old girl paralysed from the neck down as a result of a car accident.

The sum was one of the biggest ever awarded in a British court on a personal injuries claim.

The damages were against the driver of a van which was in collision with a car driven by the girl's father in 1959.

Counsel for the girl, Lesley Pauline Morey, said her neck had been fractured in the accident and her spinal cord destroyed.

She was paralysed from the neck down except for a flicker of movement in one wrist, but had remained cheerful and had learned to type at ten words a minute.—China Mail Special.

Burglars left thank you note

Caracas, July 12.

Embarrassed Venezuelan officials apologised today to Japanese Ambassador Sadao Hirose for the ransacking of his suburban Altavira home by burglars who left him a polite note of thanks for the loot they acquired.

The burglars got away with a pearl necklace, a gold watch, four radios, 80 records, four suits of clothes, assorted other garments and shoes and 100 in cash.

In addition to camping the Ambassador's wine cellar, they walked off with several bottles of fine Scotch.

They left their note of thanks on a table.—UPI.

Hawaii chosen home port for Polaris subs

Washington, July 12.

The U.S. Navy today selected Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, as the home port for Polaris submarines of the Pacific Fleet.

A second Pacific overhaul yard will be established at Puget Sound in Washington.

John B. Connolly, Secretary of the Navy, announced his decision in a letter to Senator Orrin E. Long of Hawaii.

Connolly said the Navy would establish at Pearl Harbour a missile assembly centre and a training facility for ballistic missile submarine crews. The Pearl Harbour naval shipyard will be used for overhauling the Polaris missile submarines.—AP.

Couple are going 'bats'

London, July 12.

Mr and Mrs Laurence Barnes have told the local council they are going "bats" because of bats in their bedroom.

Every night dozens of bats infest the bedrooms of their council house.

After five sleepless nights during which Mr Barnes killed 30 bats with a tennis racket the family moved to a relative's house to sleep.

Council workmen are to inspect the space between a false roof and the eaves.—China Mail Special.

Sydney clamps down on strip-tease

Sydney, July 12.

Strip-tease dancing in Sydney was ruled obscene today when a magistrate sentenced a man, who allegedly organised two strip-tease shows in the city, to three months' hard labour, and gave each of two women, one a strip-tease dancer, a month's suspended jail sentence.

The Magistrate, Mr J. Lettis, in a long summing up, said the performances of the dancer Barbara Green, 28, came clearly within the definition of the word obscene.

He added that the human body itself could not be considered obscene, but strip-tease dances—even without removal of the G-string—was so.

Mr Lettis said the offence had to be judged on the standards of the time.

"Even on beaches where women appear in a state of semi-nudity, there is a convention which prevents them from exposing all of their body," he said.

The second woman, Helen May

Joy, 22, was described as the compère of the shows.

Felix Howell, 40, theatrical manager, had pleaded not guilty to having aided and abetted Green.

Howell, Green and Joy later lodged notice of appeal against their conviction and sentence.—China Mail Special.

Britons go wild over visiting space man Yuri

London, July 12.

A weary Yuri Gagarin, worn out by two days of incessant cheering, speech-making, hand-shaking and back-slapping, today dozed throughout his return flight from Manchester to London.

Even when the flight became bumpy as the Viscount 800 went through heavy storm clouds, the Soviet space hero merely awoke momentarily before dropping off again.

Flight to London

His flight back to London, where he will meet Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister tomorrow, ended a hectic five-hour visit to industrial Manchester. The fresh-faced Soviet visitor was mobbed by foundry men, acclaimed at an open-air rally, and received his second Gold Medal within 24 hours.

Also crammed into his brief visit was a luncheon at Manchester Town Hall and a drive through the city's grimy industrial belt.

Rain early in the day reduced the crowds at Manchester Airport and along the route into the city. As the weather cleared, however, workers in their thousands turned out to honour their visitor, and Manchester's greeting rivalled London's yesterday.

The smiling Major drove for more than an hour through gloomy streets flanked by huge factories and foundries in which all work stopped as he approached. Police struggled vainly to control traffic as men and women poured on to the street to shout their greetings. Every road was packed. Every window and balcony along the route was jammed.

Crowds swarm

When the Soviet space traveller, who was once a moulder, toured a foundry, the crowds swarmed around him out of control. More than once he was engulfed in a corner as police fought their way to his side and tried to clear a path.

At an open air rally, Major Gagarin assured about 4,000 factory workers that Russian space plans were prompted solely by peaceful intentions. He said he looked forward to the day when Soviet, American, British and other scientists could work jointly on the moon.

In one of his rare references to the arms race he remarked: "I look forward to the day, which will replace the spirit of competition which unfortunately exists today among some people whose thoughts run along military lines."

A better world

The visitor again spoke of Russia's peaceful space intentions when he received a God Medal from the Amalgamated Union of Foundry Workers, of which he is now an honorary member.

Gazing at the inscription on the medal—"Together Moulding a Better World"—he said: "As you know my space ship did not carry any weapons nor even cameras to take pictures of any part of the world. Our aim is to make outer space serve mankind."

On each occasion his remarks were received with delighted applause.—Reuter.



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KASSEM AND THE OIL—

This is what he is really up to

WHY has General Kassem suddenly advanced a claim to territorial sovereignty over Kuwait?
The obvious reason—that he aspires to add Kuwait's annual £120 million of oil royalties to the Iraq exchequer—is not, I think, the real one.

Kassem knows that a claim for the outright possession of Kuwait would not stand up in any international court. Kuwait was an independent state long before Iraq came into existence.

Indeed, Iraq itself is a purely artificial creation, carved out of the Turkish empire as the ultimate result of a secret deal between Britain and France made during the 1914-18 war.

Moreover, Iraq has no chance of pursuing such a claim by force. Britain has already moved forces in to protect her ally and, for once, with the approval of international opinion.

Even in the Arab world, Kassem could count on little support for, while Nasser is still bitterly opposed to Britain's treaties with the Persian Gulf states, he is still more anxious to prevent Kuwait slipping into the hands of Kassem—his one real rival for the leadership of Arab opinion.

In fact, Kassem's objectives are much more limited and dangerous. The Iraq annexation is the first move in a campaign to build up a united front of Arab oil producers, and thus restore to the Arabs their capacity to blackmail Western consumers.

Until 1957, the Middle Eastern oil producers had no need for such a cartel. World demand for oil was rising in spectacular fashion, the world's cheapest oil, and the largest reserves were to be found above and around the Gulf.

Humiliating

The threat to nationalise oil-fields and refineries was thus a potent one. The international oil companies and the major Western governments were obliged to treat the Arab rulers with humiliating deference.

Now the picture has changed. Industrial recession in the West has slowed up the rise in demand. Russian oil is pouring into the market in growing

By PAUL JOHNSON

quantity—and at cut-rate prices.

The oil companies, to limit their dependence on the whims of Arab sheiks and dictators, are opening up new fields.

Oil from the Sahara, and the prospect of vast reserves in the Sudan and Libya, have severely cut the bargaining power of the Middle East producers.

Hence, Kassem has never been able to browbeat the Iraq Petroleum Company. Despite the destruction of the pro-British Nuri Said regime, IPC is now in a stronger position when negotiating with the Iraqi government than when Nuri was alive.

Dislocation

If Kassem shut down production he would cause embarrassment and dislocation but Iraqi supplies could soon be made up by increasing the output from Persia, Kuwait, Venezuela and elsewhere.

If, however, Kassem were also to shut down the Kuwaiti fields, his bargaining power would be immensely strengthened.

Kuwait is an oil-man's paradise. It is the largest producer in the area, with the biggest reserve. Its oil is cheap to produce and of high quality. It can boost production faster than any other state in the Gulf.

Indeed, it was the existence of Kuwait—then a comparatively small producer—which allowed the West to carry on when Mossadeq shut down the Abadan refinery, and eventually to bring the Persians to heel. It is the vital element in the equation of Middle East oil politics—and Kassem knows it.

His tactics, then, are clear. Previous attempts to create a

voluntary front of Arab oil producers have failed dismally. Beyond passing sonorous resolutions, the oil states have never been able to create even the illusion of common action: indeed, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have even secretly defied the Arab embargo on selling oil to Israel.

Discontent

Kassem has thus decided that the time has come for stern measures. Now that Britain is relaxing her grip on Kuwait, the ruler and his family are increasingly exposed to subversion.

DESPITE Kuwait's wealth, there is rising discontent in the territory, especially among the herds of immigrants—many of them Iraqis—who have flocked in from the north and west. There is prodigious waste and fantastic inequality of wealth.

Moreover, the ruling family is divided. The ruler himself is old and the succession to the throne uncertain.

Recognition

KASSEM may well have made a private deal with one or more of the aspirants: Iraqi support, in return for recognition of Iraqi sovereignty. This is the background to his filing a formal claim.

But it would be wise to treat it, at this stage, as the first step in a careful and logical plan, which would place Britain and other industrial powers once more at the mercy of the Arab oil-rulers.

(London Express Service).



"Ouch—he's still got one tooth left!!"

London Express Service.

Before the peasants' pitchforks flash again in France

by RENE MacCOLL

BECAUSE France is a founder-member of the Common Market axis and Europe's greatest agricultural country, a top Foreign Correspondent gives his appraisal of the revolt which has shaken the country. Here is his report . . . and a grave warning.

BRITANNY is where it all started, the wave of revolutionary unrest that has sent the small farmers of France pouring on to the highways and railway lines as saboteurs and rioters, with the out-thrust pitchfork as their badge and symbol of defiance.

Tear gas at St Brieuc, telephone poles cut down in Vannes, piles of manure in the main street of Quimper, and massed tractor blockades all over the place—this is scarcely the holiday paradise British tourists expect in Brittany.

Now the unruliness of the Bretons has touched off copycat "manifestations," as the French call them, everywhere across this broad and beautiful land.

Bear in mind two things as you appraise this latest of Western Europe's trouble spots.

1. The problem is not imaginary or frivolous. French

farmers see the rest of their fellow-countrymen living increasingly higher off the hog while they still seem condemned to jog along in largely nineteenth century conditions.

Not for them the new-found wealth with cars and TV sets that has descended so goldenly on everyone else. Left behind in the race for the good life, they are furious.

2. This is an uprising by the young. The men—and the women, for there have been all-feminine demonstrations—are mainly in their twenties and thirties. There is a youthful impetuosity about it all, a determination to get quick results.

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Why was it in Brittany that the wave of anger started? The Breton farmer is more concerned than anyone else because he is usually a smallholder. He has felt put upon for years and now he has had enough.

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a heatwave, but many farmsteads are squalid and out of date. Their equipment is painfully obsolete. The farmers and their labourers live in conditions little better than rural slums.

Now the farmers are realising that people in other professions are dressing better, living better, getting more leisure.

LIKE WELSH

So the "manifestations" grow. As road-blocks and mass demonstrations spread east and south, some Bretons are none too happy. They are strongly independent and tough, like the Welsh, and were out to better their lot in their own way. They would rather have kept it a local fight.

Brittany, too, is wide awake about its role as a centre for

thousands of holidaymakers from Britain and elsewhere. So people are nervously wondering if the holiday rush will be checked.

Prime Minister Debre has repeatedly appealed for "an atmosphere of serenity" while talks with the farmers go on in Paris today. Something tells me that the serenity may well be shattered again and those pitchforks will flash once more if the farmers don't get what they want.

LONGING...

I wish some of the Whitehall boys who have been toying with the idea of joining the Common Market could come to Brittany and see things for themselves.

With huge surpluses of both manpower and farm produce—as much as 15 to 20 per cent more barley and wheat than it needs every year, and with large surpluses of meat, milk, and poultry, not to mention all those surplus labourers—France will be casting longing glances across the Channel and waiting for the day when the dumping can legally start.

(London Express Service).

'PAPER DART' MAY LIFT SPACESHIP 'EMPTIES'

A schoolboy's paper dart has given American scientists an idea for a way to recover the mammoth boosters that will be needed to lift manned spaceships of the future.

Each of these rockets could cost as much as £250,000 and contain several thousand intricate parts. If the exchequer is not to run dry, recovery after the fuel inside has burned up and the "ship" is safely on its way—is highly desirable.

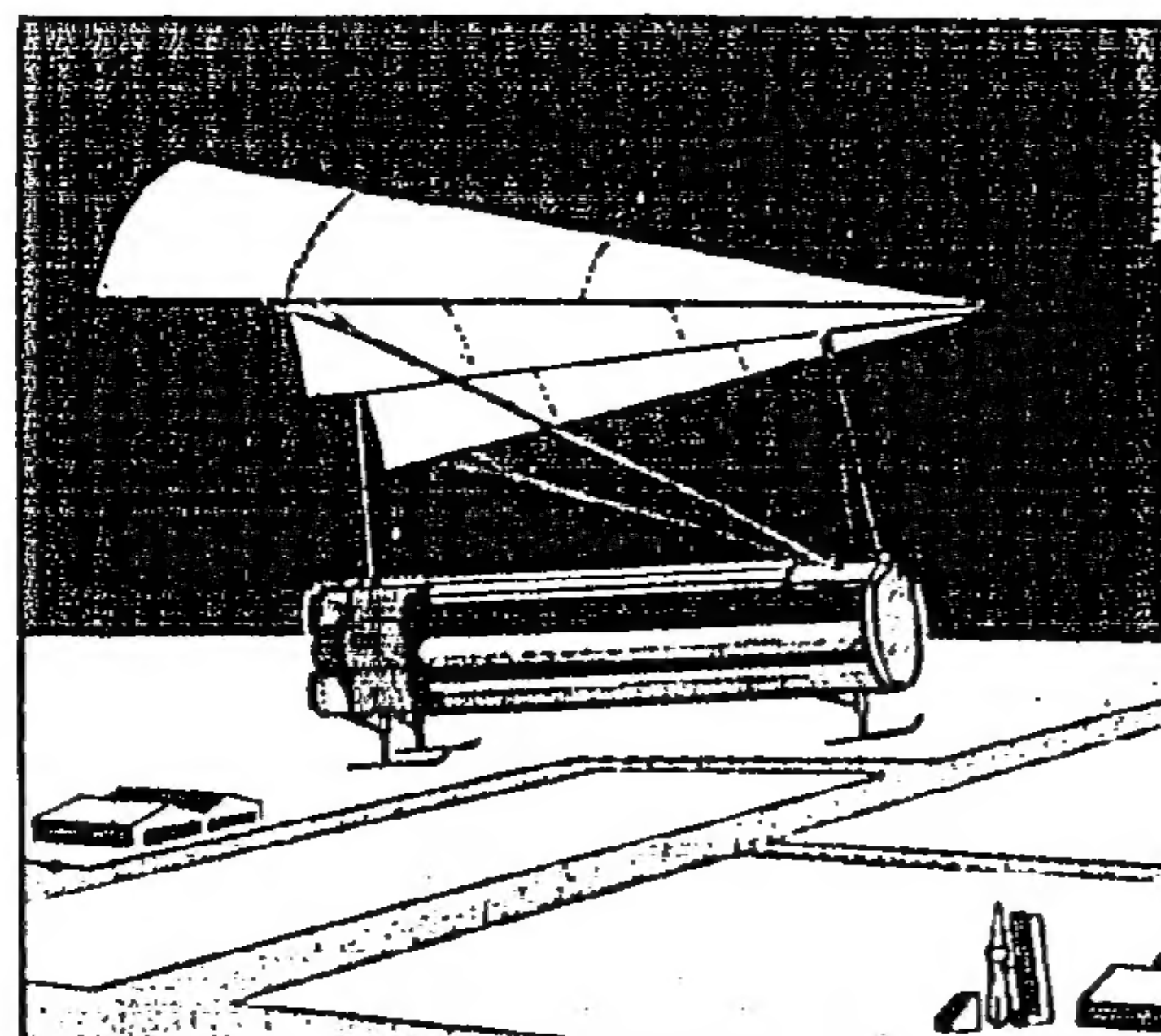
Problem: how to halt these 50 ton pieces of metal moving at between 2,000 and 8,000 feet a second and bring them back from space?

After much pencil-sucking, the rocket men decided that a paper dart-shaped canopy offers the best chance of success. It will need its own auxiliary motor, will have to be big enough to support the many tons of empty booster yet light enough not to add much to the precious take-off weight.

Folds in two

One "paper dart" system now being modelled measures 100 feet long, will weigh about eight tons and have a motor developing about 200 horse power. It will fold into two and roll up inside the climbing rocket—then eject itself, taking the weight of the booster on steel hawsers. Its framework will probably be made from titanium alloy

THE WORLD OF SCIENCE reports Peter Fairley from America



An artist's impression of the "paper dart" in use.

and its "skin" from a fine mesh of steel coated with silicon for it must withstand 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit heat as it returns through the atmosphere.

The "dart" plus cargo is designed to return precisely to its launching site. But an alternative plan is being considered which would allow it to be plucked from the air by a waiting plane and taken in tow.

HUTS IN BARRELS

AN infantryman's sleeping hut can be carried into camp in a barrel. The American army is trying out a liquid plastic which sets rapidly into a rigid foam. It can be poured into moulds to form the sides, roof and floor of a hut.

Four hundredweight of hard foam can be made from one drum which one GI can easily carry. This represents 30 cubic feet for every foot of liquid plastic—a good gain especially when transport is scarce.

ROBOT BARMAN

LATEST scientific aids to the easy way of life—the push-button cocktail mixer. Barmen presses a button once, twice or thrice, to get a Martini sweet, dry or a Manhattan.

On trial here is a coin-in-the-slot newspaper stand. Papers are protected from weather and thieves by a plastic cover and metal cage. A coin unlocks the gate. The paper slides forward.

RITN AS U SPEK

A phonetic typewriter which responds to dictation by a microphone is now being tried out by the Radio Corporation of America.

APPEASEMENT

TWO ring-leader farmers, who were jailed at nearby Morlaix and then triumphantly acquitted in what is freely described as "a verdict of appeasement," are both young men.

So, too, is M. J. Louapre, secretary-general of the Young Farmers Organisation. This is what M. Louapre has to say:

"Until now the gravity of the situation has been badly underestimated in Paris. It is basically a question of being able to sell our produce at a fair price, and now we find ourselves in a completely impossible situation."

The economic working of this country has caused anarchy in agriculture and brought about the near ruin of the small farmer. It threatens to ruin our agriculture as a whole."

What are the remedies? M. Louapre says:

"We must devote ourselves to strengthening our organisation, particularly among young men. We must rid ourselves of the middlemen who are battering on others."

M. Louapre says the aims of the young Breton farmers are: To get new laws passed quickly, fixing generous price levels and supports; a fairer working of the produce market; and a streamlined distribution system.

He says: "The farmers insist on being consulted about all decisions that concern them. This has not yet happened, so now they are employing a language of threats and demands."

"There has been too much jiggery-pokery going on, the middlemen have grown fat on their snaggling."

Man bites vet at dog show

TEETH snapped as a veterinary surgeon Aelwyn Morgan examined a black-and-tan Welsh terrier about to enter a show ring.

He snatched back his hand, dripping blood.

But the terrier stood there lamb-like—for this was a classic case of man bites vet.

The teeth that sank into Mr Morgan's hand at Carmarthen dog show belonged to 22-year-old Peter Green, the terrier's handler.

He had words with Mr Morgan as the vet examined the terrier. "I object to the way you're handling my dog," said Green.

Mr Morgan, 26 years official vet at the show, retorted that he well knew how to handle dogs.

He suddenly snapped as his terrier was being examined

showground was aged as the news went round that a man had bitten the vet.

Just why Green snapped at Mr Morgan was not explained to the court.

But Mr Colin Jones, who appeared for him, said: "He is deeply sorry for the incident and apologises unreservedly to Mr Morgan."

Green, a professional dog handler, of Primrose Lane, Pontardawe, Glamorgan, was

fined £1 and ordered to pay £6 6s. costs for maliciously wounding the vet.

Now a decision about the incident is to be made by the Kennel Club, the controlling body of the dog-show world.

Said Mr William Davies, the Carmarthen show secretary: "We were all astounded when it happened."

"We couldn't believe it. I have been connected with dog shows for more than 20 years and this is the first time—and I hope the last—that a man has bitten another man."

"The incident has already been discussed by Kennel Club officials. It has set them a bit of a preer because I do not think they have ever had to deal with such an unusual case before."

"They have been awaiting the result of the court case and I can only guess what action they will take now."

(London Express Service).

LADY LUCK

your
CHINA MAIL
horoscope

THURSDAY, JULY 13

AQUARIUS (9) (January 21-February 19): A cancelled weekend engagement will give you a chance to catch up on some of your accumulated work.

PISCES (11) (February 20-March 20): Start your point clearly in a discussion with a superior, or

you are quite likely to be misunderstood.

ARIES (8) (March 21-April 19): Your ability to see the other person's point of view tends to weaken your own arguments.

TAURUS (10) (April 20-May 20): Keep a very personal matter strictly to yourself, or it will not remain personal very long.

GEMINI (6) (May 21-June 21): A remark dropped today by a colleague at work will shed considerable light on a puzzling situation.

CANCER (1) (June 22-July 21): Because you don't expect an effusive show of gratitude, your acts of generosity are doubly appreciated.

LEO (2) (July 22-August 21): A very pleasant relationship can be established with a person in the same age group born under Taurus.

VIRGO (4) (August 22-September 22): Your work may be interrupted frequently today, and you will not find it easy to conceal your irritation.

LIBRA (7) (September 23-October 22): You are likely to have an unusually trying day, and should try to arrange for a break over the weekend.

SCORPIO (3) (October 23-November 21): Make quite sure of your financial position before plunging into a venture which carries certain risks.

SAGITTARIUS (12) (November 22-December 21): If you want to avoid marital discord, keep on friendly terms with your partner's relations.

CAPRICORN (6) (December 22-January 20): A book you are reading may provide the key to a disturbing human problem of your own.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBER: Count the letters in your first name and add the total to the number shown in brackets after your sign of the Zodiac. This is your lucky number for the week.

SERVE IN SOUP PLATES

Drop by heaping teaspoonfuls over boiling tomatoes. Cook uncovered for 10 minutes. Then cover tightly and continue cooking until dumplings are done—about 5 minutes longer. Serve immediately in shallow soup plates.

Spareribs for dinner tonight? Then how about giving this good old dish a nice accent with a tasty sauerkraut stuffing.

Melt 2 tbsp. butter in a 9-inch frying pan. Add one c. diced onion and stems from one bunch of water cress cut in 1/2-inch lengths. Cook over moderate heat about 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add 4 c. drained, canned sauerkraut, tsp. salt and one c. tomato sauce. Heat thoroughly. Coarsely cut and stir in the water cress leaves. Mince 4 c. stuffing—enough to go between two 2-pound racks of spareribs. Enough also for a 6-pound Long Island duckling.

TEEN-AGE FAVOURITE

A friend tells us that she served a special dessert at a party she gave for her teen-agers and their friends. And that she has been the neighbourhood favourite ever since. Here's the recipe:

For 8-10 servings, mix 2 c. cooked rice, 24 marshmallows cut in quarters, one c. chopped eating apples, 1/2 c. sugar and one c. pineapple cubes. Allow mixture to stand for an hour in refrigerator. Fold in one c. whipped cream. Garnish with cherries and one c. shredded toasted coconut. Serve at once.

Rupert and the Rugger Match—9



Mrs. Bear grips Rupert firmly and marches him smartly home. He tries to tell her about the game of Rugger and about the sports shop, and he shows her the new ball, but she is too angry to listen closely. "I've never seen you in such a mess," she says grimly.

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"Just wait until I see Uncle Bruno again! I'll give him a piece of my mind for leading you into such a game! You come home now and help me with my work. Then straight to bed while I wash your clothes!" Poor Rupert obeys very quietly.

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PARIS COMES TO HONGKONG—I



● Silhouetted against the busy waters of the harbour, five individual Jourdan shoes from their new autumn collection, life up to be looked at. Each with the distinctive air that marks them not only high fashion, but also whippers—Paris.

Stepping into fashion with shoes from Charles Jourdan

By
JENNIFER
LANE

Après ski

Bringing a whiff of Paris straight into Hongkong, Mr. Jack Hinton arrived in the Colony recently, bringing almost a full range of the Jourdan shoes for local buyers to see.

Three sons

Working with a group of designers, Mr. Hinton arranges collections of shoes for various companies and then presents them in the countries most suitable.

He was recently in Switzerland showing après ski wear and also visited Moscow during the British Trade Fair.

Here in Hongkong, the Shui Hing Co. Ltd., have already introduced a few Jourdan shoes into their shops, but now, I am delighted to say, they are going to import a great many more which should be on sale in October.

Their prices are cheaper than those you would pay in London or Paris, costing around the \$100 mark.

Glowing

Feeling my own shoes growing more like those of Minnie Mouse every minute—I sat in the penthouse of the Shui Hing building the other morning and surveyed



Mr. Jack Hinton

the pile of shapely shoes on the table in front of me.

Soft, kid-skin in glowing black and green, smoky tan, aubergine, wine and pearly shades of grey and taupe—velvet, with coloured patterns, soft brocades and satins.

Patent, now high fashion news, was very much to the fore and its emphasis was very noticeable in this autumn collection.

It was particularly striking in a shoe of a brilliant, deep fuchsia colour tied with a slender satin bow.

In other shoes it made its fashion point in sheer black with an organdie rose or combined with green tulle, and in plain colours of grey and fudge-brown.

Trimming were nearly all in the shape of bows of contrasting textures and forms—satin on kid, silver thread on organdie, watered silk and more on patent.

These are shoes to match the clothes of the times and it is good to think that we shall have an opportunity to buy some of them in Hongkong soon.

A tip for keeping patent shoes in good condition:

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wipe the surface over with a cloth dampened with milk. This keeps the sheen and also helps to "oil" the leather.

Tomorrow, in the second part of "Paris comes to Hongkong" you can read about clothes from one of the gayest designers in Paris—Maggie Rouff.

WHEN A GIRL BREAKS THE 6ft. BARRIER

by Camilla Mason

"If you take your shoes off," the beautiful young man said thoughtfully, "I'll ask you to dance."

In the little silence that followed his remark, small suns and moons of unreasoning rage rushed about in front of my eyes.

As they cleared, I shouted down to him over the sound of the band, "No—I can see the top of your head. We weren't designed to get together. It would be trifling with Destiny to dance."

"Anyway," I finished wildly, "I like it up here."

As the beautiful young man fled back to the dance-floor I reckoned he was a good 6ft. 6in. from start to finish.

But up at 6ft. 6in. where I stand, we can't afford any truck with people who walk about six or more inches below.

We live in totally different worlds. Ours is more exclusive, more glamorous and much more expensive.

They panic

TAKE clothes, for instance. Wouldn't you think that 6ft. 6in. of streamlined female loveliness would do something for a pretty dress?

Not a chance—manufacturers panic at the mere thought of 6ft. 6in. (let alone 6ft. 10) and they allow two for girls.

Necklines stretch and droop to accommodate huge built-necked women of 5ft. 10in. and more. Never mind—for three times the price any girl can look stunning in couture clothes.

Or take transport. At 6ft. 11in. you'll be lucky if you can see out of most of the smaller, cheaper cars on the market. And if you do, the driving seat is so far back you'll have trouble reaching the gear-shift. And you'll probably still skin your nylon-clad knees on the steering wheel.

Up here, in the rarified air above the 6ft. barrier, nothing but the best will do.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

THE unlucky expert walked into the club and remarked, "I had wonderful cards yesterday. I played all right, but I lost. The remarkable thing about my good cards is that if they had not been so good I would have come out the winner."

In case you think the unlucky expert is crazy I will devote this week's articles to some of his hands.

Here is the first one. He sat South and opened a 17-point no-trump. North raised him to

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A1082		
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Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—AK		

three no-trump. West opened the king of spades.

South held off once but had to take the second spade. Then because he held nine clubs between his own hand and dummy, he played the ace and king of clubs. When the queen failed to drop he had to let East in. East led a spade to West and the hand was set.

Why was South unlucky? Suppose he held the queen of clubs and not the king. He would still have opened a no-trump, but this time he would have tried a club finesse. The finesse would have worked and he would have made his game.

CARDSENSE

Q—The bidding has been: West North East South 1♥ 1♠ Pass ? You, South, hold: AK7♥ 732♠ AQ76♣ 4322 What do you do? A—4♠. 4 spades. This should be safe.

TODAY'S QUESTION Your partner goes to three spades. What do you do now? Answer Tomorrow

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Squirrel's Good Deed

—He Does What Mary-Jane And Teddy Can't Do—

By MAX TRELL

THE day was lovely and Mary-Jane, the Rag Doll, sat on a bench in the park next to her friend Teddy, the Stuffed Bear.

And though Mary-Jane had a smile on her face—it was a painted smile—she wasn't really smiling inside. And though Teddy's eyes were shining—they were eyes made of polished buttons—he wasn't shining at all inside.

The truth of the matter is that neither Mary-Jane nor Teddy was happy.

"I want to run up and down and smell the flowers," said Teddy.

"Let's do it," said Mary-Jane. "All we have to do is get off this bench. I can see the flowers from here."

"Let's do it!" said Teddy. "There's my tree, just on the other side of the path!"

Both tried

Then Mary-Jane tried with all her might to get off the bench. And Teddy tried even harder. And neither of them moved at all.

"We can't do it," Mary-Jane said finally.

"No," said Teddy. "We can't. All we can do is sit."

Mary-Jane in a low voice to Teddy.

"Do you see that tree over there? I want to climb up to the top and down again," said Teddy.

Then they both sighed and kept sitting on the park bench without moving at all.

The children had brought them out to the park with them and left them on the bench while they went off to play.

Shouldn't move

"Now don't go away either of you!" the children had said, shaking their fingers warningly.

"We'll be right back," said Mary-Jane.

"There's nothing in the world I'd rather do than run up and down and smell the flowers," said Mary-Jane.

"All I want to do is climb up a tree and climb down again," said Teddy.

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of Mary-Jane and Teddy. He held his hands in front of him as though he were begging.

"Peanuts?" he asked. "Have you got any peanuts for a hungry Squirrel?"

"I'm sorry," said Mary-Jane. "Very sorry," said Teddy.

"Oh, that's all right," said Squirrel. "I'm not really that hungry. It's a fine day. Everybody's happy!"

Then Mary-Jane and Teddy explained to the Squirrel that they weren't happy at all in spite of the smile painted on Mary-Jane's face and the twinkle in Teddy's polished button eyes.

They told him what they wanted to do, and how they couldn't do it no matter how hard they tried.

Squirrel shook his head. "Some folks just don't know how lucky they are! Here you are, both of you, living in a big house with many people, seeing them every day, eating with them."

Wet and hungry

"Just look at me. I've got a tree to live in—that one, way up there near the top is where I have my room. It's a little hole between two branches."

"I wish I lived there," said Teddy.

"You wouldn't wish it on a rainy night when the cold wind is blowing," said Squirrel. "And you won't be wet and hungry."

"And what good is it to have all those flowers blooming all around my tree?" he asked.

"They smell beautifully," said Mary-Jane.

"You can't eat a smell," said the Squirrel. "A peanut doesn't smell nearly as good as a rose, but I'd rather smell a peanut. Well, I'd better be getting on. Cheer up!"



"Do you have any peanuts?" asked the Squirrel.

Squirrel was about to go when he suddenly thought of something.

"I've got an idea!" he said. "It might make you both feel better. This is what I'll do."

"I'll climb up and down that tree for you," he said to Teddy.

"And I'll go around and smell the flowers for you," my dear," he said to Mary-Jane.

And that's what that good-natured Squirrel did.

He climbed up and down the tree for Teddy, and he smelled dozens of beautiful flowers for Mary-Jane.

Watched with joy

They sat on the bench watching him. And Mary-Jane's painted smile became her real smile, and Teddy's button-eye twinkle became really, and truly a twinkle of joy.

"He's a wonderful fellow," said Squirrel. "I'll climb up and down that tree for you, and I'll go around and smell the flowers for you."

And Mary-Jane couldn't have agreed more, even though she didn't move a muscle, not even the end of her little finger!



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British Open Champion off to good start



KEL NAGLE

KEL NAGLE SHARES FIRST ROUND LEAD WITH REES, HENNING

Southport, July 12. Kel Nagle, the Australian holder of the title, produced champion-like form over the rain-swept Royal Birkdale Course here to share the lead with Harold Honning (South Africa) and Dai Rees (Britain) on 68 at the end of the first round in the British Open Golf Championships today.

Rees, the 48-year-old British Ryder Cup captain who has never won the Open in his long career, was the first to set the crowd scrambling over Birkdale's sandy slopes in drenching rain when he swept to the turn in 32—five below the scratch score.

Only minutes before he finished, there were more enthusiastic scenes round the home green when unknown 24-year-old Norman Johnson (Britain), holed a 70-yard approach shot for an eagle three and a 69 to match the earlier lead of 70 set by American star Arnold Palmer, the favourite.

Short-lived lead

Johnson's lead was short-lived. Rees turned in his 68, followed by Honning and then Nagle. Joining Johnson on 69 was another British golfer, David Miller, and Jean Garlalde, of France. Palmer shared 70 with five other golfers, including British Senior champion, 50-year-old Sam King.

A total of 108 golfers came through the qualifying competition to today's first round proper. After the second round tomorrow, a maximum of 50 go forward to the final 36 holes on Friday.

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It's great to be the champ

London, July 12. "It's great to be the champ" was Terry Downes' comment this morning on his victory over Paul Pender, the American holder, in the world midweight title bout here last night.

Downes reporting himself "at an azzle," added that all his injuries were minor ones.

"I've a small nick under one eye, nothing on the nose, but my face is a bit swollen and puffed up," he declared.

Downes said he did not expect Pender to retire at the end of the ninth round. "I don't think his cuts were all that bad," he declared. "He was just physically beaten."

The new champion now plans a fortnight's holiday in Spain with his wife. —China Mail Special.

A GREAT BRITISH PAIR



Angela Mortimer, of Great Britain, proudly holds the All-England Women's Challenge Trophy after she had defeated Christine Truman (left), also of Great Britain, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, in the thrilling singles final on the Centre Court at Wimbledon recently. Miss Truman played a very gallant match after having injured her leg during the match. It is the first time that two British girls have met in the women's singles final at Wimbledon since 1914. —Central Press photo.

ILTF agrees to introduction of Open Tournaments—but not before July, 1962

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"This means that there will be no open tournaments before 1962, according to the British delegate, Mr. J. Elton Griffith. Today's Federation meeting here passed two separate resolutions, put forward by the Committee of Management:

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It was pointed out afterwards that, as these motions did not represent a change in the rules, they did not need to be passed by a two-thirds majority vote.

At the press conference after the meeting, the Committee decided not to publish the names of the countries voting either for or against these resolutions.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in Paris on July 11, 1962.

Other proposals Mr. R. H. Youdale, of Australia, was elected as President for the coming year to succeed M. Jean Borotra, of France.

Two Soviet proposals, one about the equality of votes for all countries, and another proposing European Regional Games, were rejected.

A Russian proposal for the inclusion of lawn tennis in the Olympic Games was not allowed because it had been turned down at the Annual General Meeting last year. Lawn tennis was last an Olympic sport in the 1924 Games in Paris.—Reuter.

Another New Zealander, Murray Halberg, won the 3,000 metres in 17 mins 59.6 secs.—UPI.

Pauwels wins Tour De France 17th stage

Pau, July 12. Eddy Pauwels, of Belgium today won the 17th stage of the professional Tour De France cycle race, a 197-kilometre (122.4-mile) mountainous stretch from Luchon to here.

Pauwels' time was 8 hours 29 minutes 57 seconds for the route, which included four passes in the Pyrenees mountains.

In second place was Andre Foucher of the French West-South-West team, and third was Marcel Quechello of the same team.

Jacques Anquetil of the French team kept his claim on the yellow jersey of the overall winner.

Coucher was given the same time as Pauwels and Quechello was officially clocked at 8 hours 30 minutes and 02 seconds.

In today's stage the riders went over the Tourmalet pass, 2,114 metres (6,937 feet) high, and three others at 1,710 metres (5,610 feet), 1,553 metres (5,100 feet) and 1,480 metres (4,860 feet).—AP.

Sports Diary

TODAY: Meeting: Football Association Council meeting, Sports-road, 6 pm. Cricket: Talk by Mr. W. A. Oldfield on his cricket experience at HKCC, 8.30 pm.

TOMORROW: Water Polo: CYMCA v Army Island at Victoria Pool, 6.30 pm; S. China v Army Kin, Victoria Road, 7 pm.

Meeting: HKCAA Executive Committee meeting, Education Dept, 5.30 pm.

RAIN MARS COUNTY CRICKET

Leicester, Surrey out for low scores in first innings

London, July 12. Rain played havoc with the English County Cricket programme today. In all 10 matches there were either delays at the start or early closures.

The start at the Oval in the match between Surrey and Leicestershire was delayed until after lunch, but the bowlers of both sides quickly made up for lost time and before the close each side had been in and out. The Surrey bowlers had first chance to exploit the pitch and they skittled Leicestershire in 140 minutes for 62, with pace man Dave Gibson claiming four wickets for 32 runs after one 16-ball spell when he captured three wickets without cost.

Even better The Leicestershire bowlers did even better. They took 10 minutes to dismiss Surrey for 71. Surrey were 36 for eight at one time and if a chance in the slips offered by Gibson had been taken would probably have been dismissed for the lowest score of the season.

One batsman who was not bothered by the conditions was Doug Fudge, who hit his second successive century—and his third of the season—for County champions Yorkshire against Somerset. Fudge batted for 180 minutes before he was out for 101 at the close of the first day. During the innings he passed his thousand runs for the season.

Another batsman who found the conditions today to his liking was Norman Horner, who hit an undisturbed 117 out of Warwickshire's 174 for five at the close against Essex.

Horner, who missed the first seven matches of the season because of a fractured thumb, reached his second successive century in just over two hours when the Warwickshire score stood at 137.

He also completed a thousand runs for the season. His 117 includes 15 fours.

Closing scores Close of play scores in today's cricket matches were: At the Oval: Leicestershire 92 (D. Gibson five for 32), Surrey 71 (D. Boshier five for 29).

At Lord's: Cambridge University 148 for eight (J. Brearley 74), Versus MCC. Rain curtailed play.

At Taunton: Yorkshire 232 for eight (K. Taylor 69, D. Padgett 101), Versus Somerset.

At Manchester: Middlesex 112 for no wicket (R. Gale 53 not out, W. Russell 50 not out), Versus Lancashire. Rain curtailed play.

At Worcester: Worcestershire 228 for seven (M. Horton 52), Versus Gloucestershire.

At Colchester: Warwickshire 174 for five (N. Horner 117 not out), Versus Essex. Rain curtailed play.

At Southampton: Hampshire 178 for nine (D. Livingstone 68 not out), Versus Nottinghamshire. Rain curtailed play.

At Cardiff: Glamorgan 243 for eight (W. Partridge 40, J. Presdee 49), Versus Derbyshire.

At Hastings: Sussex 102 for seven (R. Langridge 41), Versus Kent. Rain curtailed play.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 204 (B. Reynolds 41, C. Milburn 54, P. Watts 88 not out, L. Buss six for 13), Combined Services 14 for three.—Reuter.

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Thomas would jump 4 inches higher if... says Russian coach

Moscow, July 12. John Thomas would high-jump at least four inches over his listed world record if he was under the tutelage of Russian coaches, the coach of the Soviet track team which meets the United States this weekend, said today.

Gabriel Korobkov, who has handled the Russian team in both previous meetings against the U.S.—here in 1958 and in Philadelphia in 1959—also predicted that Valery Brumel would beat Thomas when they meet in their fourth encounter.

Today's talk at Cricket Club

"Bert" Oldfield, the famous Australian wicketkeeper and former Test star, will be giving a talk at the Hongkong Cricket Club today at 5.30 pm. All cricketers are welcome.

Australian cricketers at Queen Mother's party

London, July 12. The Royal Family met the Australian cricket tourists at a party given by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother tonight in the gardens of Clarence House. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh—who walked with stick—had driven from Buckingham Palace. Later Princess Margaret and Mr Anthony Armstrong-Jones arrived.

Mr S. G. Webb, manager of the Australian team, presented to the Queen Mother the Treasurer, Mr R. Steele, captain, Richie Benaud, and the other members of the side.

Other guests included Peter May, England's captain, and his wife, former Presidents of the MCC Earl Alexander of Tunis and Viscount Monckton, Gubby Allen, Chairman of the English Selectors, and Mr Ronnie Ald, Secretary of the MCC.—AFP.



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cluding British Senior champion, 50-year-old Sam King. A total of 108 golfers came through the qualifying competition to today's first round proper. After the second round tomorrow, a maximum of 50 go forward to the final 36 holes on Friday.

Leading scores

Leading scores at the end of the first round were: 68—K. Nagle (Australia), H. Honning (South Africa), 69—N. Johnson (Britain), D. Miller (Britain), J. Garlalde (France), 70—S. King (Britain), A. Palmer (USA), J. Macdonald (Britain), N. Coles (Britain), A. Brookes (South Africa), L. Platts (Britain). Then came 12 players on 71.—Reuter.

It's great to be the champ

London, July 12. "It's great to be the champ" was Terry Downes' comment this morning on his victory over Paul Pender, the American holder, in the world midweight title bout here last night.

Downes reporting himself "at an azzle," added that all his injuries were minor ones.

"I've a small nick under one eye, nothing on the nose, but my face is a bit swollen and puffed up," he declared.

Downes said he did not expect Pender to retire at the end of the ninth round. "I don't think his cuts were all that bad," he declared. "He was just physically beaten."

The new champion now plans a fortnight's holiday in Spain with his wife. —China Mail Special.

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Cologne Athletics meeting

Cologne, July 12. Bad weather conditions turned the 16th International Invitational Track and Field Meeting of the ASV Club Cologne into a real underwater battle today.

About 8,000 spectators braved the weather to see Canada's world record holder, Harry Jerome, cover the 100-metre dash in 10.3 seconds, on a track full of water puddles.

The 400 metres was fought out by India's Milka Singh and Kaiser from Cologne. Kaiser was the winner by inches in 46.8 seconds.

The 800 metres was won by New Zealand's Peter Snell in on minute 48.0 seconds. Snell trailed at first but worked his way through the pack, nosing German champion Paul Schmidt at the finish.

Another New Zealander, Murray Halberg, won the 3,000 metres in 17 mins 59.6 secs.—UPI.

Other proposals

Mr R. H. Youdale, of Australia, was elected as President for the coming year to succeed M. Jean Borotra, of France.

Two Soviet proposals, one about the equality of votes for all countries, and another proposing European Regional Games, were rejected.

A Russian proposal for the inclusion of lawn tennis in the Olympic Games was not allowed because it had been turned down at the Annual General Meeting last year. Lawn tennis was last an Olympic sport in the 1924 Games in Paris.—Reuter.

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Ticonderoga takes over Trans-Pacific Yacht Race lead

Aboard Coast Guard cutter Dexter, July 12. The 72-foot ketch Ticonderoga and the 81-foot sloop Sirius II today battled for the honour of finishing first in the 22nd biennial Trans-Pacific Yacht Race from Los Angeles to Honolulu.

The Ticonderoga today took the lead of the 41 yachts engaging in the 2,225-mile race, after the Sirius had set the pace almost from the start on July 4 at Los Angeles Harbour.

When the morning roll-call of boats was conducted from this escort vessel, the Ticonderoga, owned by William L. Britain of Ann Arbor, Michigan, held a lead of only five miles and was 250 miles from Diamond Head.

Following Howard Ahmanson's Sirius II came the 66-foot cutter Nam Sang, skippered by Bob Robb of Phoenix, Arizona, at 609 miles from the finish. The Nam Sang held a lead of only a mile over Roland McAnnan's Pursuit.

The two Japanese square-riggers were more than 1,000 miles from Honolulu, with the

Nippon Maru reporting she was 35 miles ahead, of the Kaimaru in the battle they are staging in the special race among tall ships.—UPI.

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DRAMAS OF THE ASHES

He established a record that may well stand for all time

By JOHN MELVIN

When Jim Laker of Surrey claimed 19 Australian wickets during one match in the 1956 Test series he established a record which may well stand for all time.

Even before the sensational events of that Fourth Test at Manchester, Australian batsmen had reason to fear the baffling off-spin of the burly Yorkshireman.

Earlier in the tour, against County champions Surrey at the Oval, the tourists were trapped into defeat by ten wickets. Jim Laker's magic had claimed all ten first innings wickets for 88.

It was the first time since 1893 that an English county side had beaten the Australians.

First time

So the visitors were hardly looking forward to facing their tormentor on a Manchester wicket which was said to be taking spin from the beginning. The pitch, quite unsuitable for the pace of Lindwall and

Miller, held no terrors for England's batsmen. Peter Richardson (104) and Colin Cowdrey (80) gave England their best start against Australia since 1933. Then came surprise selection David Shepherd with a sparkling 113.

But it was a completely different story when the Australians began their first innings. Just after lunch on the second day, they faced an England total of 459—and there were signs that the pitch was breaking up.

After an opening stand of 48, the dismissal of opener Colin McDonald signalled the beginning of a procession—with Laker calling the tune. Batsmen after batsmen produced nervously, not really knowing how sharply Laker's subtle fingers would make the ball turn.

At his deadliest

The Surrey bowler was at his deadliest after tea, when he took seven wickets for eight runs in 22 balls. His figures for the innings were nine for 37. Australia, all out for 84, followed on 375 runs behind.

It ended that only one thing could save off defeat—rain. For once Australian prayers were answered as the clouds emptied over Old Trafford and on the third day—Saturday—only 50 minutes' play was possible as Australia's record innings total crept from 53 for one to 59 for two.

The following Monday saw a slight improvement in the weather. An hour's cricket took

place before rain sent players and spectators scurrying for cover. Meanwhile Colin McDonald and Ian Craig pushed the total up to 84 without being parted.

Then Australia's luck ran out. There was only a ten-minute delay before the final day began under threatening skies.

On a rain-soaked, easy-paced wicket McDonald and Craig fought doggedly to stave off defeat and they added 28 runs in the period before lunch. And then came the sunshine.

Four for one

The effects it had on the rain-soaked wicket spelled collapse. Laker and his Surrey colleague Tony Lock changed ends—as they had done in the first innings—and met with instant success.

Craig, playing back to Laker, was trapped leg before wicket. His marathon innings of four hours 20 minutes had produced 38.

Ken "Slasher" Mackay, renowned for his stone-walling under the most difficult conditions was promoted in the batting order. He lasted six minutes without scoring; then giant Alan Oakman snapped up a slip catch. Mackay had collected a "pair".

McDonald, meanwhile, had reached his 50 after three and a half hours. Keith Miller, trying to emulate his partner's dogged defence, remained for 15 uneasy minutes. Then he was



JIM LAKER... 'cheered' to the pavilion after his historic feat of taking 19 wickets in a Test match.

battered and howled by a ball which turned in sharply.

In the same over the Australians lost the wicket of usually reliable Ron Archer, whose quick into the leg-trap was brilliantly gobbled up in Oakman's dive. Like Neil Harvey, Miller and Mackay, he was out for a "duci".

Thus, Laker had captured four wickets for one run since lunch—and three successive batsmen had failed to score.

It was not until McDonald was joined by all-rounder Richie Benaud that the slide was temporarily halted. An hour and 20 minutes' defensive batting realised 51 hard-won runs before McDonald was finally out.

His innings had lasted five hours 40 minutes and he was eleven runs short of his century when he was caught by Oakman—the fifth victim of Laker's leg trap.

Benaud, whose concentration was disturbed by the loss of his partner, followed him to the pavilion with the score at 198. He had been clean bowled by Laker.

Fast bowler Ray Lindwall stuck it out for 40 anxious minutes—and six runs; then fell to the leg trap. Jim Laker had nine second innings wickets.

Could he claim all ten? All England hoped so, but there could be no question of giving Jim the tenth. This was Test cricket at its keenest and Laker continued to attack grimly often beating the bat.

Just in time

But this was "Laker's match." At twenty-seven minutes past five—with an hour still to go—Len Maddocks padded up to a Laker delivery and was plumb. Jim Laker had done it—10-53.

Australia were all out for 205 and Laker had a match analysis of 19 for 80. It was a record for any first-class game, eclipsing S. F. Barnes' Test record of 17 for 159 for England against South Africa.

Laker's finest hour had come just in time. The rain returned that night and washed out all first-class cricket in England the following day.

Italian lira threatens Spain's World Cup hopes

Madrid, July 12. The sensational transfer of Luis Suarez, Barcelona's brilliant inside-left, to the Internazionale Football Club of Milan and rumours that other Italian teams are trying to sign up some of Spain's best footballers have led the Spanish Football Federation to issue a note recommending clubs to keep their best players with a view to the World Football Championships next year.

The transfer of Luis Suarez, called by the French daily sporting newspaper, "L'Equipe," "Europe's No. 1 footballer," caused a sensation in the football world. For the money paid by the Internazionale club of Milan was reported to be the biggest sum ever paid for any footballer in the world, a total of 35,000,000 pesetas (£210,000).

After Suarez had signed with the Internazionale Club of Milan, there were persistent rumours that some Italian clubs were willing to sign up Luis del Sol and Francisco Gento, of the Real Madrid team, and Joaquin Peiro, of the Atletico de Madrid.

Retiring stars

One rumour was that an Italian club had offered as much as 60,000,000 pesetas (£360,000) for Gento, the well-known speedy outside-left of Real Madrid. That rumour failed to materialise.

Spanish football officials feared that the big money offered by the Italian clubs to the Spanish players might damage the present Spanish national football team, which,

with the inclusion of some young, new players has been doing well recently on its way to the World Championship in Chile next year.

On the other hand, some of the best-known stars of Spanish football are retiring or losing form owing to advancing years. Ladislav Kubala, considered one of the best players in the world, recently announced his retirement as a football player after signing as technical director of the new school to train promising talent for the Barcelona club.

Best paid man

Kubala, who is 34 years of age, explained his retirement in the following words: "I think that it is time for me to hang up my boots. If I had not suffered a back injury last season, I might have lengthened my life as a player for some two years more. In the present conditions, it would be egotistical to pretend to live upon the income of achieved fame."

The new contract signed by Kubala as a technical director of the Barcelona footballers' school was said to be for 3,500,000 pesetas (£21,000).

a year. Kubala earned some 2,500,000 pesetas (£15,000) a year as a player.

Another of the older stars of Spanish football, 34-year-old Alfredo Di Stefano signed a new two-year contract with his club, Real Madrid, early this year. But in spite of his skill, Alfredo Di Stefano, for many years the brains of the Spanish national football team, has begun to show the natural decline in form due to age.

Spanish fans and football officials, however, are counting on him to go to Chile next year if Spain qualifies.

It is believed that Di Stefano's new contract with Real Madrid was signed in the same conditions as the previous one, that is to say, an annual income of around 3,500,000 pesetas (£21,000). Alfredo Di Stefano thus continues to be the best paid football player in Spain.

High hopes

Di Stefano has invested his savings in a farm near Buenos Aires, where he was born. He was decorated at the end of last year with the Order of Queen Isabella the Catholic, a high Spanish honour.

Di Stefano has this year played his 400th match with Real Madrid since he came to Spain in 1953. He was proclaimed "top scorer" of the Spanish First Division in five of the nine league championships in which he has played here.

Spain is placing high hopes in the World Championships. She has not taken part in them for eleven years.

Early this year, senior Pedro Escartin, a well-known sports writer, was named Spanish football selector. He has been preparing the Spanish national team which had previously shown lack of cohesion and enthusiasm.

He successfully included several young, new players in the team, which recently eliminated Wales in the preliminaries of the World Championships, and beat Argentina for the first time in a friendly game at Seville. The Spanish team will now meet Morocco, and if it wins, Spain's team will go to Chile—Reuter.

Vespa Club to hold Reliability Trials on Sunday

By OLLY VAS

This Sunday, the usual enthusiastic group of scooter drivers belonging to the Hongkong Vespa Club will be making their way to a rendezvous way off the main road in San Wal, near Fanling, to participate in the Club's first-ever Reliability Trials.

The event has attracted no fewer than 20 drivers and late entries are expected to swell the number to at least 25 scooters when starter Jimmy Foo brings down his flag at 2 pm.

The course will consist of four hills, liberally strewn with stones, loose soil and numerous holes and all drivers will be required to drive up and then down the hills in question without the aid of "footing."

Penalty

The very rough terrain will require of the drivers maximum skill in the handling of these light two-wheelers and a penalty of 5 seconds will be added to the times clocked by each driver for each occasion the foot makes contact with the ground.

It is most unlikely that any driver will fail to be penalised, such is the unevenness of the four courses, especially down-hill where the slightest tap on the brakes can throw a driver off-balance and necessitate sticking his foot out to regain equilibrium.

The organisers have already taken the trouble of trying out their Vespas on these hills and the handlers of the three machines used came out none the worse for the experience, so competitors need not have fears of being exposed to any danger while negotiating the "courses."

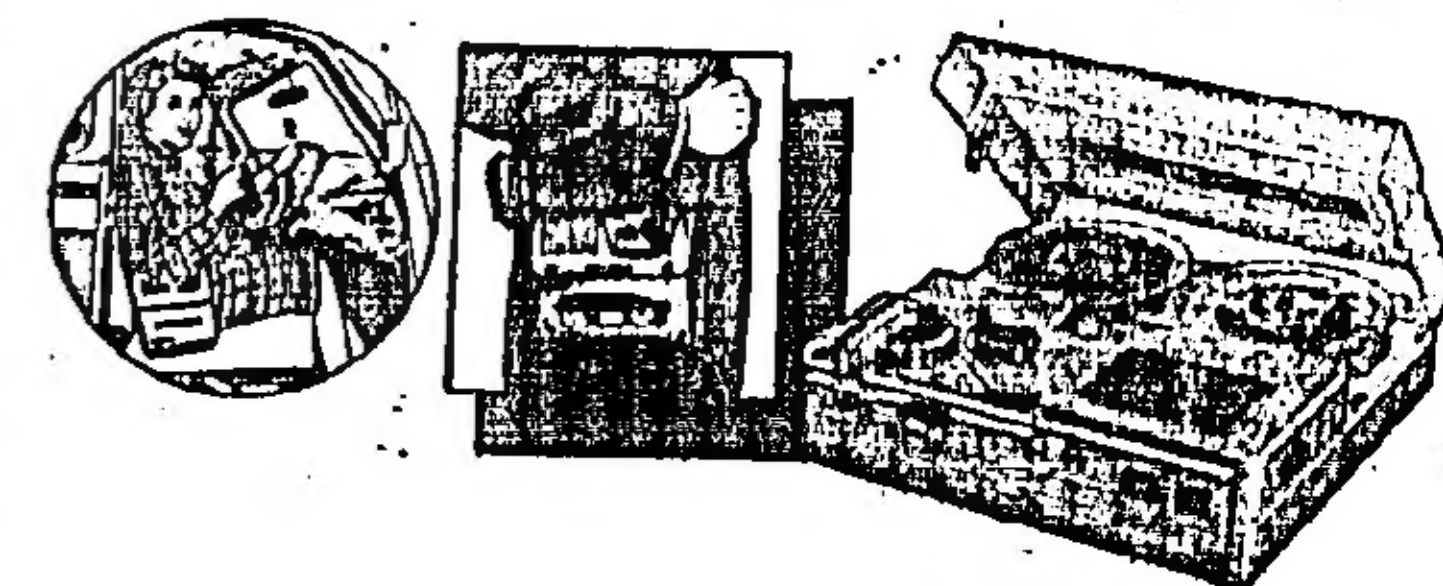
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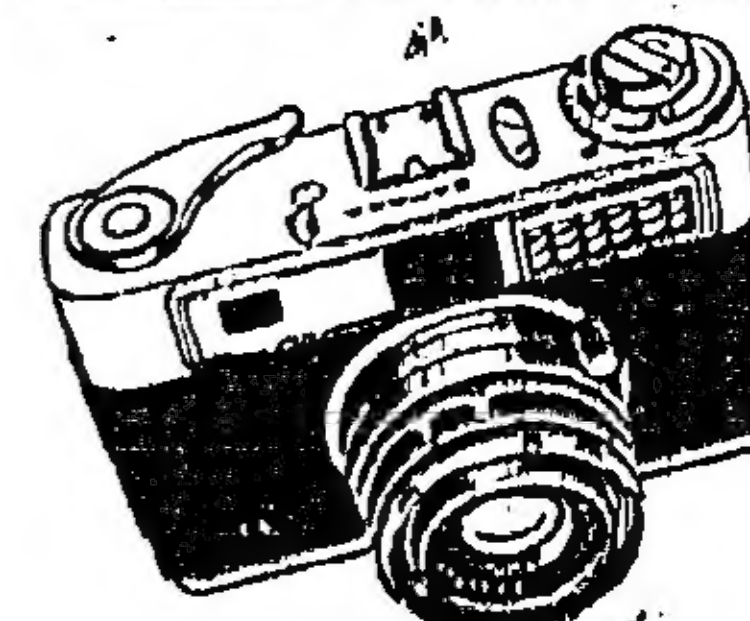
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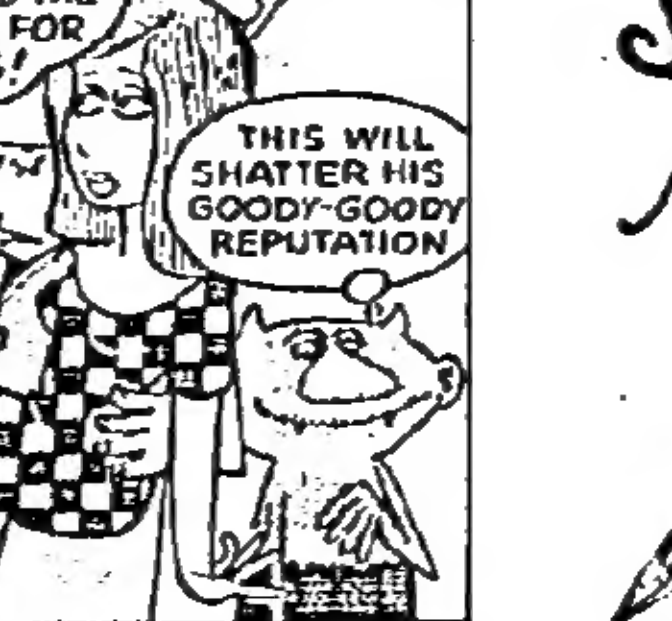
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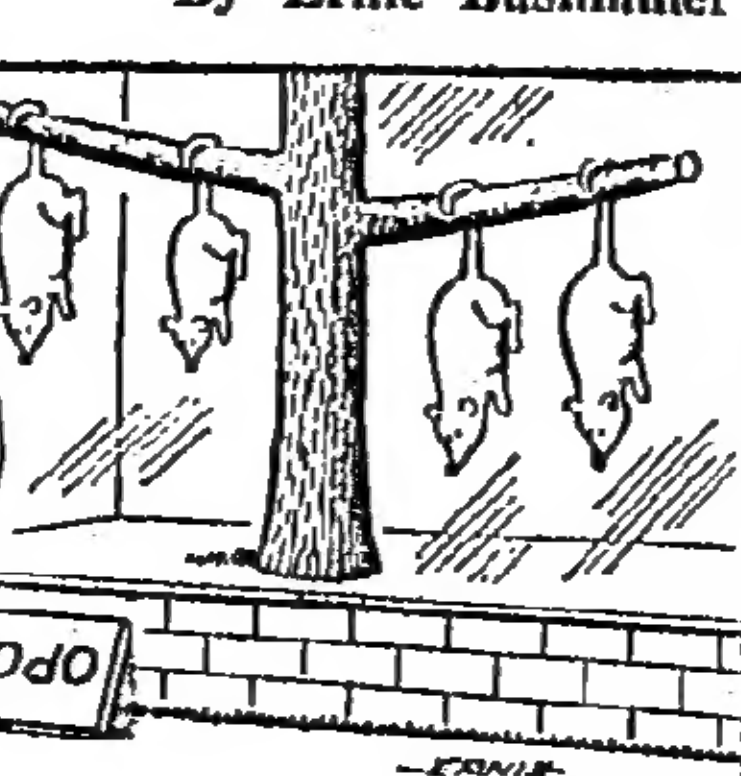
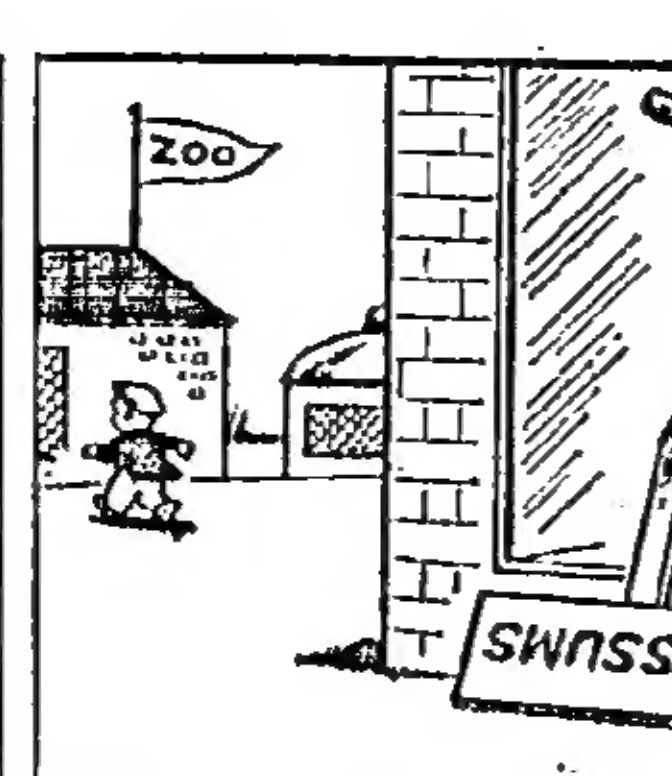
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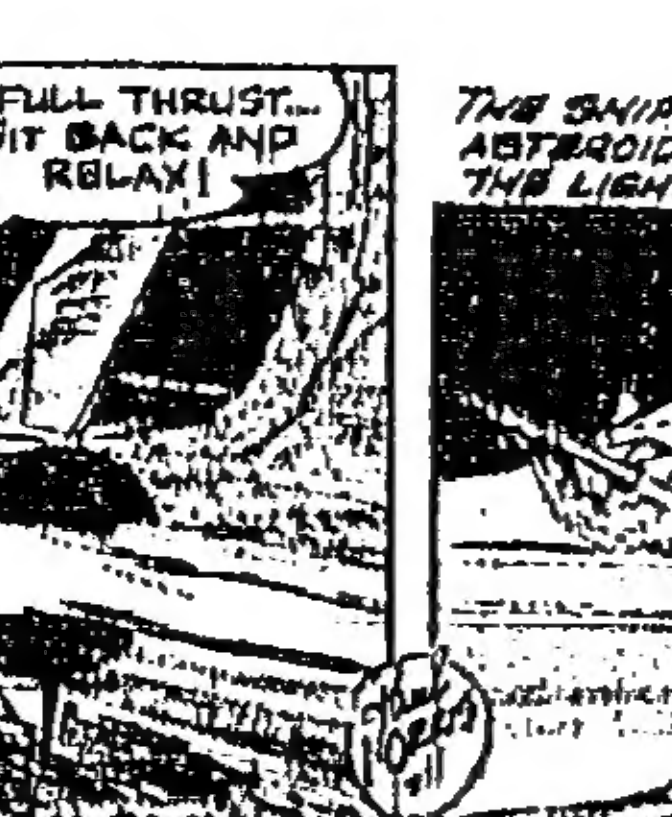
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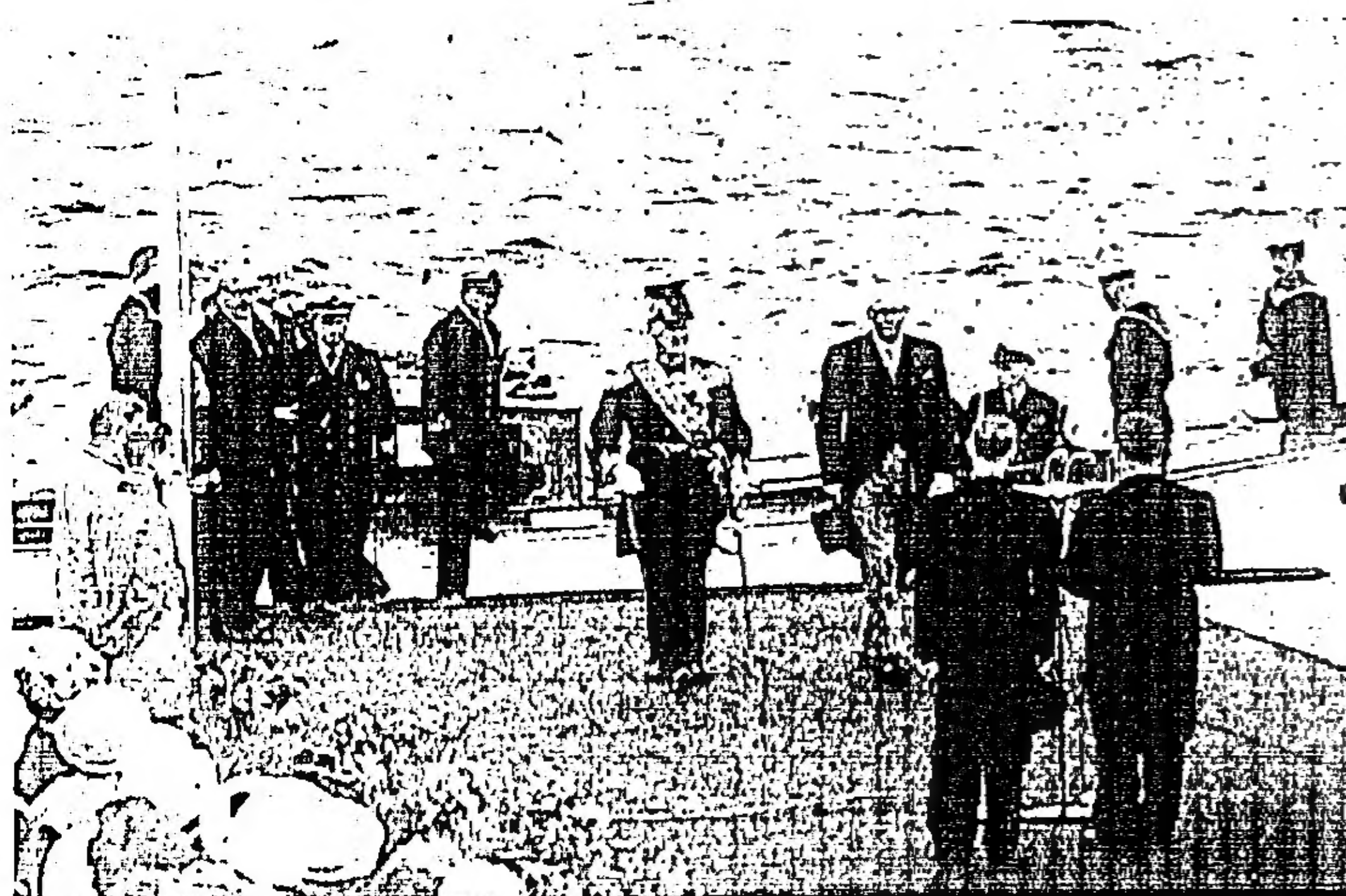
By Paul Norris



PICTORIAL PARADE



For the first time since her visit to Rome, and after three weeks of convalescence, Queen Fabiola of Belgium has made a public appearance. She gave a reception—not for ministers or politicians, not for visiting royalty or professors—but for plain, ordinary folk; the blind of France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Holland and Belgium, all together in Brussels for an international congress. Over 300 blind people were received by the King and Queen, and Queen Fabiola, who remained seated, shook each one by the hand. Picture shows the reception, which was in the gardens of the Palace of Leaken.



King Olaf of Norway disembarking from a launch on his arrival in Helsinki, Finland, where he is paying an official visit and attending a regatta. Greeting the king are President Kekkonen and city Fathers.

Five months in shadow of gallows Boy, 14, comes home from death cell

A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD schoolboy is back home telling his classmates of his five months in the shadow of the gallows.

And in the tiny railway town of Capreol, Northern Ontario, neighbours are asking—should the boy have come back to the scene of the murder of which he was once convicted?

Last week a judge freed Wayne "Butch" Yensen, at his second trial for the murder of pretty 24-year-old Mrs. Rose Kennedy.

The judge ruled that certain evidence was inadmissible, and directed the jury to acquit the boy. Butch had been convicted and sentenced to death in January. The execution date was later postponed and a new trial granted.

Under the Canadian criminal code, children can be hanged for murder. It is now being changed. But while he waited, Butch was treated, like any other condemned prisoner.

"They kept those three lights on all the time," he said today.

It was awful. They gave me picture books to look at, and I played cards. I guess I am about the best solitaire player there is.

"The guards couldn't talk to me so I walked up and down

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and looked out of the window. There was only one thing I thought could happen—I thought I was going to get hanged.

"Father O'Neill gave me some beads and I prayed and prayed. If I had never prayed I wouldn't be out now."

He grinned. "It's pretty good to be out of jail, boy. I didn't know what the judge meant at first. Then I heard him say that I was free and I just took off."

Now he plans to go back to school—to the same grade six classroom where the police arrested him nine months ago.

He broods

A few streets away lives railwayman Watson Kennedy, 25. Friends say he still broods bitterly over his wife's death. He found her lying in her living-room. She had been stabbed 11 times, while her three young children screamed in their bedroom.

Railwaymen are arguing over the case in Capreol's one pub. But Butch's parents and 12 brothers and sisters, who maintained all along that he was innocent, are planning a celebration for his 15th birthday.

Said his mother: "Butch belongs at home."

Japanese Diet members leave

Mr Ichiro Kiyose, Speaker of the Japanese House of Representatives left this morning by JAL for Tokyo after spending two days here.

He is accompanied by his secretary, Mr. Saburo Toida and Mr. Torao Chino, Counsellor of the House of Representatives.

Mr Kiyose was seen off by Mr. Heishiro Ogawa, Japanese Consul General, and Mr. Masao Kikima, Vice Consul.

Clothing for Colony poor

About 700 pounds of clothing, donated by the people of America for local social welfare centres was handed over to Miss Madge Newcombe, of the Hong-kong Council of Social Service, and the liaison officer for "Operation Handicap" in Hong-kong, by Lieut. H. W. Croon and members of the USS Hooper at the Kowloon Public Pier this morning.

TOO MANY CHOPPER CASES—MAGISTRATE

DEBATE HELD ON MODERN LITERATURE

A debate on the motion that the 20th Century has, by its relaxation of codes in literature and entertainment, invited its own degradation, was recorded last night in the Radio Hongkong Concert Hall.

Mr K. A. Watson presided, and invited participation by speakers for and against the motion led by Mr Bill Dorward and Mr Timothy Birch. Supporting speakers for and against were Mr Anthony Lawrence and Mrs Mary Visick.

Mr Dorward began by defining the wording of the motion and reminding listeners that the debate should be confined within the limits of the 20th Century.

STANDARDS

Mr Birch refuted this and emphasised that prudery and inhibitions of the Victorian era had led to free expression in the present century. He contended that the present-day literature reflected life as it is at present.

Mr Lawrence maintained that the lowering of standards commercial gain had brought

about the level of degradation. He cited instances of books like Lady Chatterley's Lover and Lolita being read not from a literary standpoint but for sensationalism.

Mrs Mary Visick dealt with political aspects of the Victorian era, then asserted that the outcry against cheap publication of Lady Chatterley's Lover was that it was being made available for the masses. She maintained that art and literature thrived best when there was no restricting censorship. If only a few great works were produced the freedom was worthwhile.

On the debate being thrown open to the floor, views were stated that no great writers existed in countries like Ireland, which imposed strict censorship.

The Rev Fr T. Sheridan refuted this, quoting names like Sheridan, Shaw and Wilde. He created merriment by his comment upon "Lady Lovelady's Chatter".

School ending road safety demonstration

The "Road-Safety" demonstration put on by the Quarry Bay Junior English School will end at 10 am tomorrow.

The demonstration, held for the purpose of making school children road-safety conscious, shows the ways of teaching road-safety in classes.

Students also participated. The Shell Co. lent four small cars, eight tricycles, and many miniature traffic signs.

Those responsible for the demonstration were Mrs O. B. Burt, Headmistress of the school, Fr Patrick Cunningham, Chairman of the Hongkong Road-Safety Association, and Mr D. C. J. Banfield, Secretary.

Mr A. Morrison, Senior Traffic Superintendent, will attend the closing.

THOMSON BUYS UP ODHAMS

London, July 12. Thomson newspapers announced Wednesday night it has acquired the whole of the share capital of Odhams Press of South Africa, which publishes 30 daily and technical journals in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Salisbury.

The announcement said Thomson newspapers have acquired Odhams Press, South Africa, Ltd, including Odhams Press, Rhodesia, Ltd, and its other subsidiaries.

The name of the principal company will be changed to Thomson Newspapers, South Africa, Ltd.

Mr Roy Thomson, Canadian newspaper magnate, becomes chairman and Mr James Collier and Mr Gordon Brunton join the board. Mr Cyril Watling continues as managing director with Mr Gerald Walford as joint managing director of the Rhodesian Company.—AP.

Leo Gaddi, wife go on leave

Mr Leo Gaddi, Manager of the Peninsula Hotel, left with his wife by Swissair this morning for Zurich on long leave.

While in Europe, Mr Gaddi said, he will take the opportunity to attend a four-month hotel management course in Stockholm.

He added that he hoped to return to the Colony early next year.

FASHIONABLE

The Rev R. Trueman spoke on the cause and effect of low literary standards. Another speaker said it was fashionable to write like "a sloppy waitress bashing down tea on a greasy counter," but it was also possible to write serene and truthful books in times of stress and tension.

Although Mr Bill Dorward gave a witty and well-thought-out summing up, Mr Birch gained laughter by reminding Fr Sheridan that the Irish writers had to leave their own country to produce their worthwhile works, and the motion was lost by the slender margin of one vote.

Miss Patricia Penn produced the debate, which attracted a large audience.

Trade unions more punctual with accounts

There has been a marked improvement in the punctual submission of trade union accounts to the registry of trade unions.

Of the 102 sets of accounts received during the second quarter, 90 sets were submitted within a month of presentation to members, while eight of the remaining twelve were very slightly late, states the Registrar of Trade Unions, Mr. R. J. Hardy.

Twenty-two sets were prepared by professional auditors and 80 by approved lay auditors appointed by the unions.

The chairman of three employers' associations were prosecuted during the quarter and a workers' union, with a record of persistent default, was given notice of cancellation of its registration certificate.

SOME TROUBLE

"While a steady improvement in the standard of accounts is being maintained, the accounts of some unions still leave a good deal to be desired," Mr Hardy points out. "It is not unknown for details of transactions, in some instances amounting to thousands of dollars, to be given excluded from a union's accounts."

A number of notable omissions and discrepancies were discovered during the quarter. These concerned, among other things, welfare funds, income from advertising, and school transactions.

Delivery boy sent to jail

A magistrate said this morning, in sentencing a delivery boy, that "there are too many cases of people using choppers, knives and triangular files in fights after quarrels."

"I am taking a serious view of the case," said Mr K. A. S. Phillips, as he sentenced 22-year-old Wong Hing-kuok to six months jail for using a chopper on another delivery boy.

Detective Inspector Chan Sik-kwong, said at about 11 pm on Tuesday, the complainant, Chan Sum-kwan, delivered a cup of coffee to one of the folks in the Wong Kau Kee Noodle Shop at 7 Ki King-lane, ground floor.

At 9 am the following day, Chan went to the noodle shop to collect payment for the coffee and to take back the cup.

The defendant, who was at the entrance chopping noodles, scolded Chan for going so early to collect the money and walking up the people on the premises.

QUARREL

A quarrel ensued, and the defendant chopped Chan once on the left side of his body, and ran away. A report was made to the police, and the defendant was arrested at 11 pm the same day.

Insp Chan added that defendant had previous convictions for membership in a triad society and street gambling.

Before passing sentence, Mr Phillips told the defendant that he was taking a serious view of the case because "there are far too many cases of people using choppers, knives and triangular files in fights after an argument."

Olin Mathieson executive coming for conference

Mr Alfred T. Zodda Corporate Vice President of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, New York, is arriving in Hongkong by PAL tomorrow for budget conferences with local and regional managements of the company.

He is accompanied by his wife. Mr Zodda, who is also Vice-President in charge of operations of the International Division is accompanied by Mr G. W. Field, Advertising Manager of the International Division.

Mr Herbert G. Wolf, Regional Vice President, and Managing Director of Olin Mathieson Far East Ltd., Hongkong, is acting as chairman at all the conferences which are also being attended by the regional technical staff for the various divisions of the corporation.

The discussions in Hongkong will cover plans for the development of all Olin interests throughout the Far East. Investment projects are planned in many countries, and Mr Zodda is expected to release announcements concerning these after his discussions here.

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THE House of Lords recently staged a brilliant debate on Lord Crawford's motion deprecating the reading of speeches.

Lord Crawford himself rightly asserted that the debate in the Lords reached a high level, but added that the level would be higher if peers did not deliver written essays and did not confine their interests to their own essays. Delicate or detailed pronouncements by Ministers must be read, but for the rest, anything more than notes meant that speakers could not trust their own knowledge.

Lord Snell modestly and delightfully pleaded for the reader. When Ministers had often to be departmental parrots, it was better to have facts, even selected facts, read. He himself found it more difficult to speak in the Lords without some written straw to which to cling when depressed by the courteous boredom and silent resentment of his audience. This almost ecclesiastical silence was a fearful damper on oratory. It had once been organised in the Commons against Mr Winston Churchill and even his rhetoric suffered.

Finally, in a sentence which nearly made the Gallery break its official silence, Lord Snell asked speakers to remember that audibility was not vulgarity.

The excellent record for safety of British railways, unequalled elsewhere in the world, was maintained last year, as is shown by the annual report of the Chief Inspecting Officer, British Railways reports from London.

A PROFOUND sensation has been caused in Europe by the announcement simultaneously at Vienna and Berlin of a new agreement between Austria and Germany.

The three main clauses are that Germany recognises the full sovereignty of Austria, that the two nations undertake not to interfere with each other's internal affairs, and that Austria in her policy keeps in mind that she is a German state.

Signor Benito Mussolini is believed to be behind the agreement, and that it paves the way for an alliance between Germany, Austria and Italy.

